

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary, and Joseph



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope and pray you will have a beautiful celebration as we usher in 2024.

My hope and prayer is that 2024 be filled with a renewed sense of Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love. It is through the intercession of the Blessed Mother that we ask for these things from her Son.

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas Masses. Thank you to Fr. Thom, Deacon Tom, Renee B, Alex, Bob, Nate, Molly, and all the countless people who helped make the worship so sacred and awesome. The church looked great (inside and out), the music was heavenly and the ministries were done so well. It was great to see so many people and I saw a number of people who shared they had been invited by one of you with our “flower ministry.” This was very cool. I want to encourage you to continue to invite, invite, invite, share, share, share! Invite people to Mass and share and witness to the power of Jesus Christ in your life.



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Lots of great things will be happening in 2024! Our Good Shepherd Family Center will start at SJC, our Greenhouse will be built at SRW and we will continue our Eucharistic Revival to come to know, love, and serve Jesus more. I will be away from January 1 – January 11. I will be back at the parish on January 12. Fr. Thom, Deacon Tom, Renee B, and the staff will be around to take care of you all. I will miss you and look forward to seeing you when I get back.

Make it a great week! Happy New Year!

Peace,

Fr. John

SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

10:00 AM For the People of this Parish (JL/TSP)

Tuesday, January 2

6:30 PM † Sam & Ruth Waters (GB)

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 AM Memorial for a Friend (JL)

Thursday, January 4

6:30 PM † Angie Waters (JL/TS)

Friday, January 5

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, January 6

4:00 PM † Grace Pophal (JL/TSP)

Sunday, January 7

9:30 AM January birthdays (TK/TS)

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over



Join us Monday, January 8 at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)**

688 Dover Center in Westlake.

Join us and kick-off the New Year with *Deacon Dave Pecot*, Deacon at St. Basil the Great as he will speak to us about *Finding God in the Ordinary!*

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** as space is limited & this will sell out. **Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

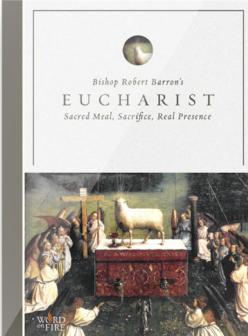


Fr. John and Fr. Thom will be offering a Home Mass at someone's house each month. To sign up to host a Mass, please contact Anita at alinsky@srweclid.cc or call her at 216.731.1515.

All you have to do is host and invite. Fr. John or Fr. Thom will bring all they need for Mass. You can invite anyone but please focus on people who have fallen away from the church or are looking for Faith. Help us bring Jesus to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

BISHOP ROBERT BARON'S EUCHARIST

BOOK STUDY



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Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school? Remember Ss. Robert & William or St. John of the Cross in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

The SRW **Bereavement Ministry** offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the SRW Parish Office at 216.731.1515.

Catholic Counseling— Sacred Heart Counseling can help with anger management, anxiety, marital problems, trauma, depression, self-care and more. For more info call 440-305-6192 or email lukebrown@sacredheartcleveland.com.

Community Meal program offers free hot meals at both SRW and SJC. At SRW meals are on the second and last Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. SJC has a monthly meal every third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm.

The SRW Pantry is stocked with food to assist those in need of food.

Call the **Prayer Line** at 216-331-5075 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

10:00 AM For the People of this Parish (TK)

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 AM † Elizabeth Sajovic (TK)

Wednesday, January 3

11:30 AM † Helen Barber (GB)

Thursday, January 4

8:30 AM † John and Mary Penca (TK)

Friday, January 5

11:30 AM † Mary Zupancic (TK)

Saturday, January 6

8:30 AM † Ruth Forestek (TK)

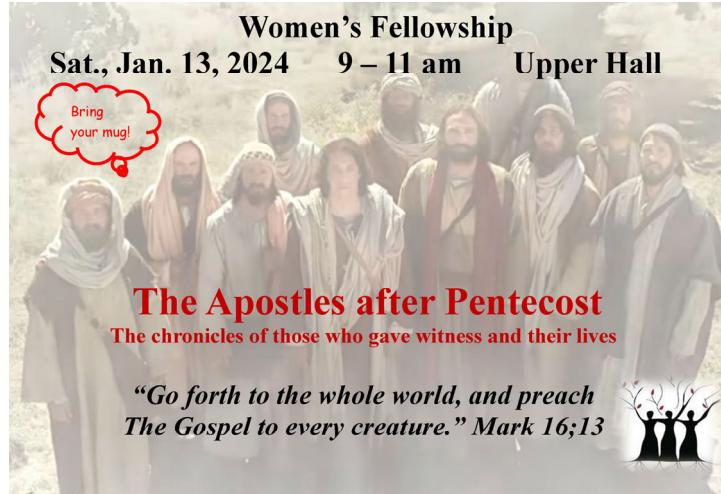
4:00 PM † Brian LeQuyea (TK)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM † Carol Smyers & Tim Smyers (GB)

11:00 AM † Clement Joseph Roach (TK)

6:00 PM † Robert C Luberger (TK)



The Labre Ministry is in need of non food items for the homeless. During these winter months they are especially in need of winter clothing.

Donations can be brought to the Ss. Robert & William parish office during regular office hours. We thank you ahead of time for your prayers and donations.

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TOUR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17,
2024**

6:00PM – 8:30PM

Finally, a museum trip at a time everyone can enjoy!
This tour celebrating the Eucharistic Revival will include liturgical vessels that date as far back as 500-700AD, a missal from 1469, a marble altar front from 540-600AD, and an altar piece depicting the Passion of Christ from the 1440s.

5:30PM Depart SRW parking lot
6:00PM Arrive at Museum
8:30PM Depart Museum
9:00PM Arrive SRW

\$15.00 per person for transportation to and from the Museum. Checks made payable to Ss. Robert & William Parish. Call 216-731-1515 for reservations.

This tour is limited to 25 people.



In partnership with parents and community stakeholders, our mission is to form Saints and Scholars to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and serve others.

- Weekly School Mass ✓
- Unique Electives and After School Clubs ✓
- Outdoor Learning Space ✓
- EdChoice and Cleveland Scholarship Provider ✓
- Educational Initiatives for Better Learning Opportunities ✓

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

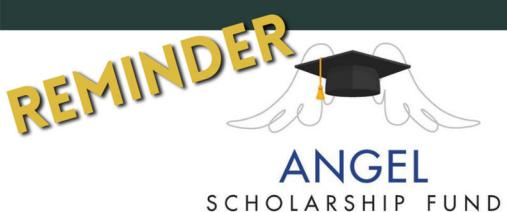
As a counselor, you would not believe how many times I hear about New Year's Resolutions. They are most frequently made about things like diet, exercise, and saving money, but the possibilities are endless. I find myself having very little faith in New Year's Resolutions alone to actually change anything in a person's life. While there are exceptions and having goals for ourselves is always a good thing, I have found that most people start building up January 1st as a big transformative day months in advance, find the courage to stop or start their behavior resolution, and then inevitably slip up, crash and burn, and refrain from trying again until next year. Friends I have in the gym business say that January 1st is the biggest day of the year for new memberships, followed by a sharp decline in attendance throughout the rest of the month. My issue with these resolutions is that failure is very common and having this significant start date for a resolution just leads to increased self-loathing, disappointment, and despair. Who cares if you fail on January 7th? Now the new start date is January 7th- start again. You went 7 days without eating Oreos! Excellent! Now try for 10 days. One of the most important virtues is hope, and Christ wants us to remember this virtue when we fall. We need to always have hope for ourselves and continuously get up to try again when we fall. My other issue with these resolutions is that we should be setting these goals constantly throughout the year. January 1st and Lent aren't the only times we should be practicing sacrifice, generosity, and almsgiving. This week, consider praying about your goals for self-improvement and remember that the process is lifelong, not restricted to January 1st.

WITNESS JESUS' REAL PRESENCE

You are invited to be part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our parish will be participating, with all the parishes in our Diocese, a year long **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. This program will highlight the real presence of our Eucharistic Lord and His transforming power in our lives. Each month we will explore the meaning of "REAL PRESENCE."

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

"Let weak and frail man come here suppliantly to adore the Sacrament of Christ, not to discuss high things, or wish to penetrate difficulties, but to bow down to secret things in humble veneration, and to abandon God's mysteries to God, for Truth deceives no man—Almighty God can do all things. Amen."



There's still time to contribute to the 2023 Angel Scholarship fund. Turn your taxes into tuition.

A winter-themed advertisement for GAELC. At the top is a circular logo with a figure holding a book and a heart. Below it is a wooden sign with the text "GAELC Now Enrolling". Underneath, two sections of text read: "New student applications are now available for the Toddler, 3-year-old, and Junior Kindergarten programs." and "The ECE scholarship is available for qualifying families". A QR code is at the bottom right. A small button at the bottom left says "Visit srwgaelc.cc for more information".

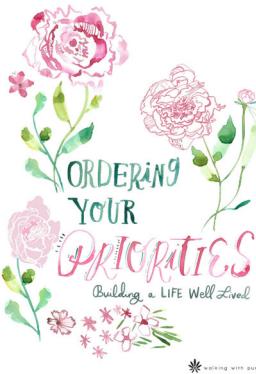
Epiphany Anniversary Concert

Sunday, January 7th
at 3 pm

In the Ss. Robert & William Church

Featuring the SRW Music Ministry & Regional
vocalists/musicians

WALKING WITH PURPOSE



We are pleased to have you join us for this year's Walking with Purpose Bible study for women! Please complete the registration form –
Ordering Your Priorities – January 25 – March 21, 2024

The study is available at no cost; they are originally \$20.00. Any good will donations towards the cost of the books is greatly appreciated.

Please join us for the 8 week study starting on January 25th with our first Connect Coffee!

"Building the Good Life"

**Thursday, January 25th – 7:00-8:30pm –
SRW Upper Hall
Please register no later than January 2, 2024**

MOURNING TO MORNING

Our next Mourning to Morning Bereavement Support Series begins on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:30AM in the Parish Office Building of Ss Robert and William.

Mourning to Morning is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith.

There is no fee but registration requested. Call 216-731-1515



Come to Ss. Robert & William Church and continue to pray for peace in our country, in our families and in our lives... We will start with Confessions at 7:30 am 8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary The first Saturday of every month.

HOLIDAY CASH WINNERS

Congratulations to the Holiday Cash winners. Here are the most recent winners drawn:

\$50 – December 13: Anton Gill by
\$50 – December 14: Jim Tomsick by Wesley, Avery, Lucy, and Kane Walker
\$50 – December 15: Sharise Gordon sold by Santana Wilkins
\$50 – December 16: Ashley Yekley sold by Yekley Family
\$50 – December 17: Mary Kathryn Lorah sold by Rich Smith
\$50 – December 18: Joan Rierson sold by Lucy Roach
\$50 – December 19: Chuck Wiley sold by Cameron Baker



The Hospital in Kuda has been progressing. They are hoping to have the roof completed by Christmas. What an amazing process to watch this build come to fruition.



PLENARY INDULGENCE GRANTED FOR PRAYER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE

In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, the Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence from 8 December 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which may be obtained by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there. Please share this information with your parishioners along with the churches run by Franciscan communities in the Diocese of Cleveland:

Holy Spirit Parish

4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Hts.

St. Peter Parish

1533 E. 17th St., Cleveland

Transfiguration Parish

12608 Madison Ave., Lakewood

St. Paul Shrine

4120 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish

6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland

Poor Clare Colettines

3501 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland

In addition to the prayer before the Nativity scene, to receive a plenary indulgence, the faithful must have an interior disposition of detachment from all sin, even venial; sacramentally confess their sins; receive Holy Communion; and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day as the prayer before the Nativity scene; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested.

Since not all of the above churches may have their Nativity scenes in place during Advent, those choosing to seek the plenary indulgence by visiting any of the Franciscan churches should check the community's website or contact the community to learn when the church will be open to visitors for prayer before their Nativity scene.



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Confessions on Saturday at 2:30 pm



Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday
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The SRW Collection: for December 10 was \$6,863.50
December 17 was \$6,464.66
Loan Balance \$480,628.00

Please consider a donation to help lower our long-term debt.
Please call me at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email me
at fjb@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued
generosity.
~Fr. John



SJC Financial Stewardship

Sunday Giving 12/10/23...was \$2,236.00

Maintenance 12/10/23.....was \$2,110.00

Sunday Giving 12/17/23...was \$2,338.00

Maintenance 12/1/23.....was \$560.00



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Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 pm

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SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for... Phil Beebe, Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Kenn Brickman, Robert Carney, Caesar Campanaro, Marianne Ellul, Parker Fine, Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Jeanette Hocevar, Victoria Hodnik, Geraldine Hoffert, Patricia Johnston, Jela Katavic, John Kirk, Karen Long, Donna Lavdis, Dolly Luskin, Alice Martincic, James Molnar, Ann Monreal, Jim Moriarty, Bernard Novotney Sr., Ryan Parker, Kathleen Pavicic, Paul Pavicic, Kathleen Pfahl, Carl Phillips, Sheila Reese, John Smith, Roberta Szmania, Glenn Terrell, Rosemarie Terrell, Laverne Varga, Peggy Yapel, and Stansia Zitnik



Evelyn Adamczyk, Ernie Deme, Helen Herman, Douglas Hoageson, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy O'Toole, Gene Pallat, Rudy Perme, John Riley, Mary Rot, Marion Malovasic, Judy Schmidt, Rita Vaitkus, Kristina Velgrine, Don Wagner, and Marcie Williams

and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.
We thank, pray, and ask for God's blessings for those in the military and safety forces serving our community and country.
We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Frank Shume Jr. and all those who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love, and find strength in the support of our parish community.